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FCC Mail Room

June 25, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Southeast Nebraska Communications ("SNC"), please find enclosed one copy of FCC Form 481, containing Confidential Financial Information and two copies of SNC's FCC Form 481, containing Confidential Financial Information in redacted form.

SNC is also submitting, under separate cover, the confidential progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan. Redacted copies of the progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan are also enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (402) 441-4315 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Meyer

Consultant

Consortia Consulting, Inc.

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<015>	Study Area Name	SE NEBRASKA TEL CO		g inshedied
<020>	Program Year	2016		JUN 20201
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Judy Christiansen	****	9911 £ 8 ZUIS
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	4028181322 ext.		FCC Mail Room
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jchristiansen@consor	tiaconsulting.com	
ANNUA	L REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -	54.313 54.422 Completion Required Required (check box when complete)
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting		(complete attached worksheet)	1 111111
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)		(complete attached worksheet)	1
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<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)			
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<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)			
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<410>	Fixed 0.0			
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<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection R 371591ne510.pdf	dies Compliance	(check to Indicate certification)	
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<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)		(complete attached worksheet)	<b>✓</b>
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	Operating Companies and Affiliates		(complete attached worksheet)	<b>— / — /</b>
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<1010>	•		(attach descriptive document)	
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (	Yes or No) O	(if not, check to indicate certification)	
<1110> <1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		(complete attached worksheet) (complete attached worksheet)	
	Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional	Documentation Worksh	neet	
<2000>	Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Pr	ice Cap Local Exchange	Carriers (check to indicate certification)	184888
<2005>			(complete attached worksheet)	
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / n	10) 🔘 🗿		
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / n	$\sim$ $\sim$		
<112>	voice telephony service.  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.		71591ne112.pdf	Name of Attached Document	
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confit that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	e-year		Name of Attached Document	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Yes	7	
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Yes	7	
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to impro	ove service quality	Yes	٦	
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to imp	prove service coverag		7	
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to impr			Ⅎ	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		Not Applicable		

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form

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NORS Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date  1/1/2015	

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fe
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings  Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Action Taken When Limit Reached (select
				No.				
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.				
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable				
<812>	Operating Company	NA				

(800) Operating Companies

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	ibe of Kansas and Nebraska
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Trib community anchor institutions.
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

	Select
	Yes or No or
	Not Applicable
Ī	Yes
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	Yes

STATE OF THE PARTY	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting llection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120>	Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	dbps

(1200) Te	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	9-1-16	FCC form 481
Lifeline			QMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	- 1	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	
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	eck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1	210,	
	bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to		
§ 54.422(	a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers mus	t	
annually r	eport:		
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<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	1	
	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,		
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	1	
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.		

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AND THE REAL PROPERTY.		
		a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and
Connect	America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The inform	mation reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	[
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}	
<2011a>	3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)	
<2011b>	Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)	
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		Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
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	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	
<2012>	가 가장 마이지 않아 가는 것이 되었다면 가장 보고 내려면 전혀지면 맛있게 되었다면 가장 되어 있다. 전상 비용을 보고 있다면 보고 있다.	
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<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))	
	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))	
<2016>		*
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<2017>	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))  3rd year Broadband Service Certification	
<2018		
<2019		
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on lin	ne 2021, contains the required information
	pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support s addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing	hall provide the number, names, and
	preceding calendar year.	access to broadband service in the
	preceding calendar year.	
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	
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(3010)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	1	
	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	1	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Informat	ion
(3011)	Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3 § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addre providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	012 contains the required information pursuant to sses of community anchor institutions to which began	V
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(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))		1
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		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	)(C)
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
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	check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017	, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2)	compliance requires:
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for		
******	Telecommunications Borrowers)	W-140700	
(3016)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Case	sh Flows	
		37159lne3017.pdf	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	1	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to		
400000	confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains		Personania.
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a fo	rmat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	
(2020)	Degument(e) for Balance Shoet (prome Statement and Statement of Co	anh Flaura	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca		<u>-</u>
(3021)	Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified pu	blic accountant that performed the company's financial audit	
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an		
	independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a		
	format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		
	Borrowers,		_
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified		
	public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	sh Flows	
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(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information		i
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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Signature of Authorized Officer: Date Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Filing Due Date for this form: Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Judy Christianson</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilit agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided	Is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier ies include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent: Judy Christiansen	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SE NEBRASKA TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/18/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Ray Joy	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4022454451 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 371591	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015

### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI	Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the in	
lame of Reporting Carrier: SE NEBRASKA TEL CO	The same of the sa
lame of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Judy Christiansen	
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itle or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Consultant	
elephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 4028181322 ext.	
tudy Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 371591 Filing Due Date for this form:	07/01/2015

Attachments

### Southeast Nebraska Communications

# Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

### Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- · Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- · Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- · Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
  - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
  - o Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
  - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
  - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

### Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- · A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

### Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.

## <u>Functionality in Emergency Situations</u> for Voice and Broadband Services

### Back-Up Power

The Company's Central Office has a fixed standby generator with a run time of 48 hours. We also have a battery string that will carry the load for 8-12 hours depending on usage. We have three Serving Area Offices that have fixed standby generators with run times of 24 hours. These locations also have a battery string with reserve capacity of 8-12 hours depending on usage. The remaining Serving Areas are fed by two BLC cabinets that have a generator plug built into them. They also have a battery string with a reserve capacity of eight hours. We have multiple portable generators and stockpiled fuel for them ready to go at a moment's notice.

Our access network is FTTP. All ONT's have a UPS that has a minimum of eight hours of backup power.

Out network can operate without an external power source for both switching and broadband services.

### Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

The Company has a redundant fiber ring built into its access network. This ring also handles the interexchange traffic. The Company does not have diversity in our toll route, but we do have materials on hand and splicing equipment on standby at all times in case of a fiber cut. Broadband traffic, as well as voice traffic, uses the same local loop to the subscriber's premise.

### Traffic Spikes

The Company's voice switch has a capacity of 70,000 lines with 250,000 busy hour call attempts. Currently, we have 2,700 access lines. Our average busy hour call attempts is around 2,000. We have a significant amount of unused switching capacity to handle sporadic traffic spikes. The broadband pipe to the world has enough capacity to carry more than a normal day's data if required.

(700) Price	Offeri	ngs incl	uding \	/oice	Rate	Date
Data Collec	tion F	orm	144		N/A	

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NE	All		PR	17.5	0.0	1.22	0.0	18.72
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	February 1997 1996 199	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
NE	A11	39.95	0.0	39.95	6.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowand
NE	A11	79.95	0.0	79.95	15.0	1.5	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowand
NE	All	50.0	0.0	50.0	12.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowand
NE	All	60.0	0.0	60.0	25.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowan
NE	All	75.0	0.0	75.0	50.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowand
NE	All	125.0	0.0	125.0	100.0	10.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance
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### Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.

### Description of Tribal Engagement

The Company has again requested a meeting with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Authority to conduct a needs assessment for the Tribal community anchor institutions. In addition to requesting a meeting via a letter (copy attached), the Company has verbally tried to contact the Tribal Authority but the Tribal Authority has not returned any communication. The Company will proactively continue to make an effort to contact the Tribal Authority to set up a meeting.

Once the Company and the Tribal Authority begin to develop a plan the company will review the feasibility to reach the anchor institution with a long term facility solution. Should marketing of the service be required, the Company will provide information in a culturally sensitive manner. The Company will comply with the right-of-way process, request the respective land use permits, take action to comply with the facility siting rules, comply with the environmental review process, comply with cultural preservation and comply with other Tribal business and licensing requirements.



September 21, 2014

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Chairman Timothy Rhodd 3345 Thrasher Road White Cloud, KS 66094-4028

Chairman Timothy Rhodd:

On July 19th, 2012 the Federal Communications Commission issued Public Notice DA 12-1165. This Public Notice provides guidance from the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy, in coordination with the Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus on the Tribal engagement obligation adopted in the USF/ICC Transformation Order. This document is intended to facilitate the required discussions between Tribal government officials and communication providers currently providing service on Tribal lands with the use of Universal Service Fund (USF) support. I have enclosed a copy of the Public Notice for your reference.

This Public Notice requires annual discussions which must include:

- 1. Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on anchor institutions
- 2. Feasibility and sustainability planning
- 3. Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner
- Rights of way processes, land uses permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review process
- Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.

Currently, SNC provides communication service to residences and businesses on Tribal lands in southeast Nebraska, specifically, the area south and east of Rulo, Nebraska. SNC is requesting a meeting to initiate the engagement process. Please contact me to discuss scheduling a meeting at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely.

Vice President

Enclosure

### Southeast Nebraska Communications

### Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Terms and Conditions

### Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers of Southeast Nebraska Communications. NTAP assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in NTAP. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

### NTAP Eligibility Information

### **Program Based Eligibility**

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program Free Lunch program
- State assistance programs (if applicable)

To receive an NTAP application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or http://www.psc.nebraska.gov/ntips/ntips ntap.html

NTAP applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

### Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for NTAP if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,889	\$19,872	\$18,292
2	\$21,505	\$26,892	\$24,745
3	\$27,121	\$33,912	\$31,198
4	\$32,737	\$40,932	\$37,651
5	\$38,353	\$47,952	\$44,104
6	\$43,969	\$54,972	\$50,557
7	\$49,585	\$61,992	\$57,010
8	\$55,201	\$69,012	\$63,463
For each additional	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,453

2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines - 135%

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

### **Tribal Eligibility**

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tribal subscribers should contact Southeast Nebraska Communications for additional information on Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up.

### Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of NTAP Program Service

Southeast Nebraska Communications' Voice NTAP service includes unlimited local minutes-ofuse within the toll-free calling area. Southeast Nebraska Communications' Voice NTAP Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the NTAP service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

### Rates

Subscribers may receive the NTAP credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Southeast Nebraska Communications. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

### Recertification of NTAP Eligibility

NTAP recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for NTAP will result in termination of the NTAP recipient's monthly NTAP discount and de-enrollment from NTAP.

### Additional NTAP Program Information

NTAP is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.